ABOUT
200 YEARS AGO.
THERE WERE THREE- NO,
FOUR LITTLE KIDS WHO WERE
NOT USED TO THIS WORLD YET.

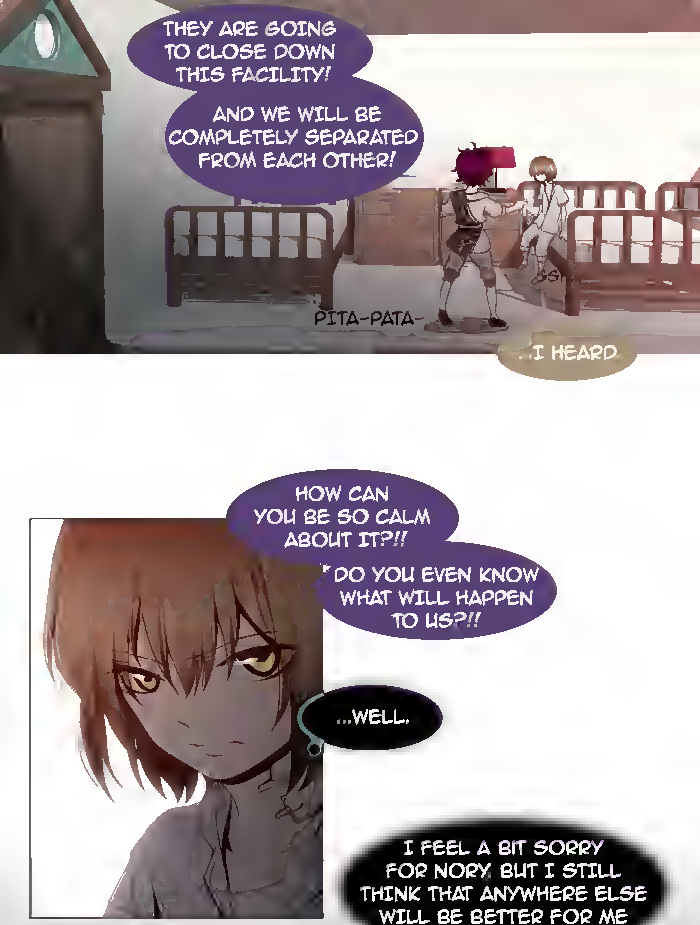
ACTUALLY, I WAS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND A BIT, AFTER LISTENING TO PSYCHI...
I NEVER EVEN TRIED TO THINK ABOUT THE REASON FOR THEIR STRANGE BEHAVIORS NOR WHAT KIND OF LIFE THEY HAD LIVED BEFORE.

WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME ABOUT HIM?
OH... YOU STILL HAVEN'T MADE UP WITH HIM, YET...
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT. HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

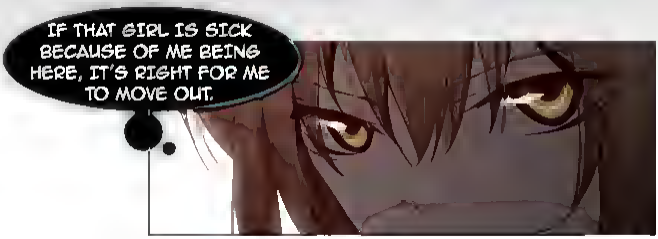
OR NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT OTHERS BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN ISOLATED FROM THE SOCIETY FROM AN EARLY AGE-

THEY WERE CLUMSY IN EVERY WAY.

KASIN~! HAVE YOU SEEN RAN?


THEY ARE GOING TO CLOSE DOWN THIS FACILITY!
AND WE WILL BE COMPLETELY SEPARATED FROM EACH OTHER!
PITA-PATA-
..I HEARD
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM ABOUT IT?!!
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US?!!
...WELL.
I FEEL A BIT SORRY FOR NORY. BUT I STILL THINK THAT ANYWHERE ELSE WILL BE BETTER FOR ME TO STAY.

BUT, APART FROM UNDERSTANDING...



THAT SEEMS TO BE THE LEAST I COULD DO FOR THEM...

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT THE REASON WHY YOU FOUGHT WITH A FRIEND WAS FOR ME?
GLARE-
BECAUSE HE MADE YOU SICK, SENIKA...
I TOLD YOU NOT TO THINK OF IT THAT WAY.
DON'T EVER THINK OF COMING NEAR TO ME UNTIL YOU APOLOGIZE TO HIM.
I'M REALLY ANGRY THIS TIME.

—.....
DO YOU HATE ME, TOO?
DO YOU THINK I'M BOTHERSOME AND WHAT I DID WAS WRONG?

FOR NOW, YES!
YOU SHOULDN'T DO THAT TO A FRIEND!
BUT IT'S TRUE THAT YOU WERE SICK BECAUSE OF HIM.

BECAUSE OF HIM. YOUR HAIR GOT SHORTER, YOUR SKIN GOT ROUGH AND... BECAME UGLY.
NO. EVEN IF YOUR FACE MAKES OTHERS' EYES BECOME ROTTEN, YOU'LL STILL BE THE PRETTIEST APPLE IN MY EYES.

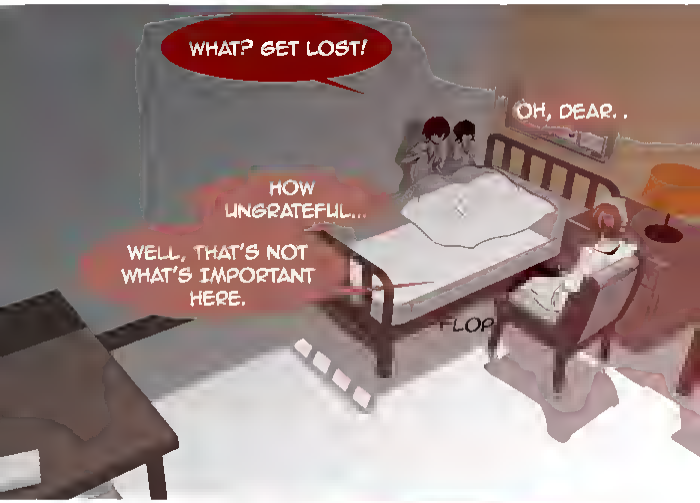
I KNOW THAT IT WAS MY FAULT THIS TIME. BUT I COULDN'T JUST WATCH HIM MAKE YOU GET SICKER.

BECAUSE YOU ARE MY ONLY FAMILY LEFT TO ME AMONGST THE THIRTEEN KIDS WHO GREW UP TOGETHER.

APART FROM THAT, YOU'RE SPECIAL TO ME, SENIKA.

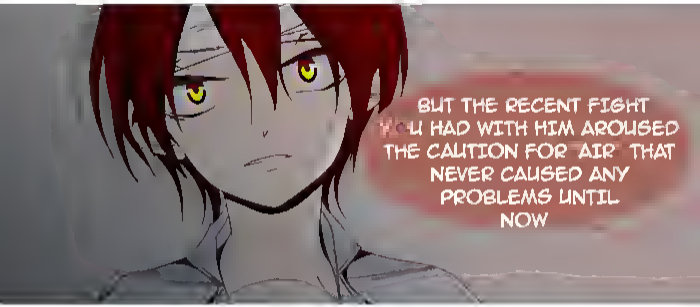
WHAT? JUST STAY HEALTHY?

CLANK-


WHAT? GET LOST!
OH, DEAR. .
HOW UNGRATEFUL...
WELL, THAT'S NOT WHAT'S IMPORTANT HERE.
FLOP

I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY FOUND OUT BUT THE AUTHORITIES ORDERED ME TO GET BACK TO THE ASSOCIATION AS SOON AS THIS FACILITY IS CLEARED
I ASKED THEM TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER BUT IT WAS A THREE ON ONE FIGHT FROM WHAT I FELT AT THE MEETING
THEN, GO. NO ONE'S ASKING YOU TO STAY.

HA... REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU WHEN KASIN JOINED US HERE?
THAT IF THE LAW ABOUT THE HIGH-RISK GROUP MANA POSSESSORS ISN'T CONCLUDED WITH A MAJORITY VOTE, IT'S THE SAME AS AN EXECUTION OF A DEATH SENTENCE.
WHAT ABOUT IT?! YOU SAID IT WAS ALL FIGURED OUT!
IT WAS.
BECAUSE IT DIDN'T APPLY TO EITHER OF YOU TWO OR NORI.


BUT THE RECENT FIGHT YOU HAD WITH HIM AROUSED THE CAUTION FOR "AIR" THAT NEVER CAUSED ANY PROBLEMS UNTIL NOW

-WHAT DOES THAT MEAN-...?

SO, WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY IS...

THUD-

THAT NEWBIE IS SENTENCED
TO DEATH OR SOMETHING?

LET'S WORK AS HARD AS MOM TAUGHT US.
THE 73RD BOX

SPLASH-...

UNTIL NOW, KASIN HAD NEVER HARMED ANYONE BY USING HIS MANA.
IN SOME WAY, THE INCIDENT PROVOKED THE ELDERS WHO WERE BOTHERED BY HIS MANA ALL ALONG.

SO, AT THE EXECUTIVE MEETING, SOME INSISTED THAT WE SHOULD GET RID OF THE ROOT ITSELF BEFORE HE DOES SOMETHING BAD USING HIS POWER. WHILE THE OTHERS SAID THAT IT DEPENDS ON HOW HE WILL BE SUPERVISED AS HE IS STILL YOUNG.

WHAT THE HELL?

WHY? WHY WOULD THEY KILL HIM? WHY?

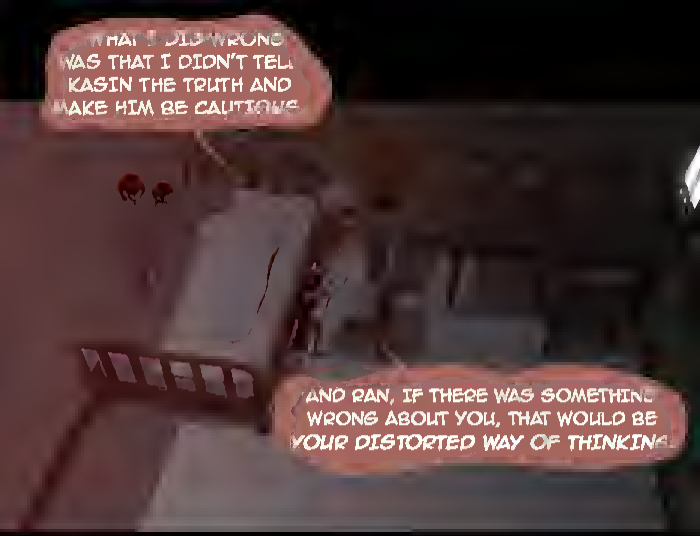
THAT DIDN'T EVEN HAPPEN YET!!

SHOULD I GET MAD AT HIM FOR USING HIS MANA? OR BE HONEST AND TELL HIM THAT HE'S GONNA DIE SOON?!

AFTER THINKING FOR A WHILE, I COULD ONLY SAY, "DON'T WORRY ABOUT RAN, BECAUSE HE'S NOT THAT HURT- HE'S JUST BORN THAT WAY, SO UNDERSTAND HIM...!!"

I REGRET THAT I DIDN'T TELL HIM ABOUT SENIKA AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOU GUYS, WHETHER IF HE GETS HURT OR NOT. BUT WHAT'S THE POINT? NO MATTER HOW MUCH I REGRET IT, THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT HE'S GONNA DIE...!!

WELL, YOU CORNERED HIM TO USE HIS "MANA" BECAUSE OF "SOMETHING THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED YET"...?
ALTHOUGH IT WAS FOR THE RESEARCH ON IMMUNOTHERAPY, I KNOW IT WAS STILL MY FAULT TO LEAVE THIS PLACE AND I'M REALLY SORRY FOR THAT.
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS WHEN YOU KNOW ABOUT EVERYTHING...!
I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT YOUR TEMPER IS UNCONTROLLABLE, BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO MAKE THINGS THIS MUCH WORSE. THIS IS VERY SHAMEFUL OF YOU.
NOW, WHAT? IT'S ALREADY DECIDED BY THE MAJORITY VOTE OF THREE TO ONE. WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?

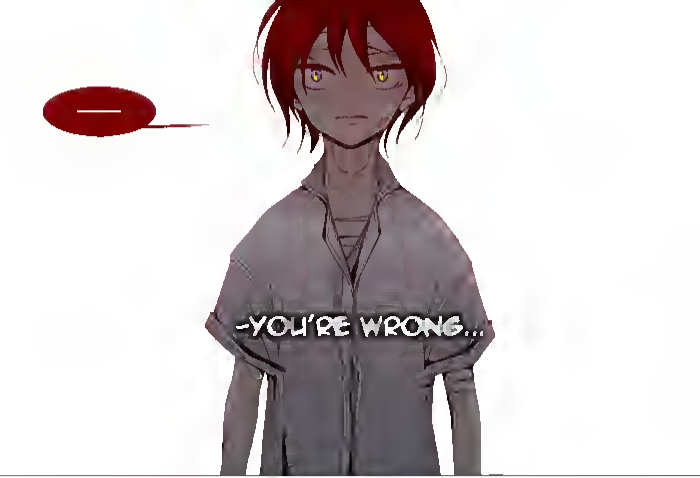

WHAT I DID WRONG WAS THAT I DIDN'T TELL KASIN THE TRUTH AND MAKE HIM BE CAUTIOUS
AND RAN, IF THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG ABOUT YOU, THAT WOULD BE YOUR DISTORTED WAY OF THINKING

WE ARE THE ONES WHO MADE HIM BE PUT TO DEATH.

WHAT-
HAVE I...
DON
THROB
THROB

E?
NO-...
I THOUGHT ANYONE WHO HURTS SENIKA SHOULD DISAPPEAR... I WAS SERIOUS...
FOUND
BUT IS HE ACTUALLY GOING TO-

DIE LIKE THIS?



YOU SHOULD AT LEAST
TELL HIM THAT
THIS IS THE END OF HIS LIFE.

SAY HELLO,
KASIN.

BY THE WAY WHAT'S THAT PLACE LIKE? ARE THERE ONLY KIDS JUST LIKE THIS PLACE?

...WELL. THE PERSON IN CHARGE WILL COME HERE TODAY.

HE'S THE HEAD OFFICER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
OH.. HELLO
THEN, I'LL GIVE YOU TIME TO HAVE A WORD
THE HEAD OFFICER IS ONE OF THE FOUR EXECUTIVES, ISN'T HE?

THE END?

to be continued...

I THOUGHT MY NEW CARE-TAKER WOULD BE SOMEONE LIKE PSYCHI, NOT SOMEONE IN SUCH A HIGH AUTHORITY..
IS THIS..
REALLY